



Brownfields Documentary Looking for More Cities to Include

The Urban Waste Management & Research Center (UWMRC) has documented Brownfields success stories in all 10 EPA Regions and is looking to include more cities. During a recent meeting of the production and development crew for the UWMRC and Wild Hare Productions (the contracted film and edit company), it was discovered that each of the regions were represented with not only city and state officials, but businesses and organizational units. "We knew that we were getting close to our internal time-line," remarked Dr. John W. Sutherlin, series producer and director, "but we were unsure of just how every interview fell geographically. So we started plotting the interviews on a map with the EPA Regions overlaid and found that we were further along than planned. For such a huge project, that was a positive sign. One of our goals is to include a wide range of projects from as many regions as possible." The 10-part series will be part of the "Our Urban Environment" format developed by the UWMRC for two previous projects dealing with municipal waste management and city water quality. The success of these past efforts is evident in the world-wide distribution to more than 30 countries. The Brownfields series, entitled "Reclaiming America's Cities," looks to be a larger effort due to both EPA and White House support for such projects. Presently, the crew is editing and reviewing past filming in Arizona and footage provided by cities and states across the US. Scheduling has begun for the next round of filming that will begin this spring along the East Coast. For those interested in participating either through interviews or simply by supplying footage of brownfields projects, contact: John Sutherlin, PhD, phone (504) 280-6189; email jsuthe9831@aol.com; or visit the Urban Waste Management & Research Center online: <http://www.uwmrc.org>.